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Attachments:

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Tank-Factory at CHKALOV (ORENBURG)

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1. (a) The tank-factory, already established in part before the war, lies N. of the town on river SAKMARA and covers an area of 2 sq. km.
- (b) It consisted of 12 large workshops measuring 50 x 70 m. approx. and about 20 smaller sheds and buildings.
2. (a) The entire production - process of tanks was carried out here, including the founding and rolling of ore which was brought from the Urals by rail, the testing of alloys for armour-plating and the trial of armour-plate itself before welding and assembling.
- (b) About 1,500 workers were engaged per shift.
3. (a) Types produced were : -- JS - 1 tank and SP - guns on T-34 chassis.
- (b) In September, 1944. prototypes of JS-2 were built, tested against Panzer-faust, "Ofenrohr", etc., modified, and finally produced in series, both as tank and SP-gun models.
4. Production figures were estimated at 3 - 4 AFV per day.
5. Date: May '43 - Summer '46.

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"Ofenrohr" - presumably some sort of rocket-launcher.

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KINESHMA; Submarine Escape Apparatus

Aircraft Components Factory

KINESHMA; Submarine escape apparatus

(period covered: May, 1946 - end 1947)

1. (a) P.O.W. labour was employed in a factory at KINESHMA, engaged in the manufacture of under-water escape apparatus, primarily for use in submarines.
- (b) This apparatus is built on the same principle as that in use in the German Navy.
- (c) Rate of production was approx. 300 a day.
- (d) Apparati were tested by Russian naval personnel in an arm of the VOLGA, deepened for the purpose.
- (e) On completion apparati were despatched to IVANOVO, where there was another naval establishment.

Aircraft Components Factory

2. (a) An aircraft components factory was also located in KINESHMA.
- (b) Only Russians were employed, comprising about 1,300, mostly skilled, workers.

Dept. Note: No other details available.

*Kineshma = about 100 kms. NNW of Gorki*

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